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Serving the Air Force Hawaii Community

**HOT TOPIC**

**Sweeping traffic-flow changes start Monday.**

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## 4-star salute

General Paul Hester, Pacific Air Forces commander, is escorted by Master Sgt. Joe Mackey, 15th Medical Group and Honor Guard member, as he passes an Honor Cordon upon arrival at the PACAF building Monday. It was the first time General Hester had entered the building since assuming his current rank the day before.

Photo by Mark Bates

## ***Dorms get a little dryer*** New alcohol policy in effect for Hickam, Bellows facili-

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey  
Kukini Editor

Effective Sunday, alcohol use in Hickam and Bellows dormitories will occur only within the confines of a dorm room assigned to an individual that is of legal age to consume alcohol. When there is an open alcohol container, all personnel in the room must be of legal age to drink.

These two changes are the backbones of the new base alcohol use policy in Hickam and Bellows dormitories.

Forty-two security force-documented alcohol-related incidents in Hickam's dormitories during the last three years. More than five times that amount were handled on scene without a police report.

All told, incidents of either assault, dorm property damage, or underage drinking occur once every four days since the summer of 2001.

It was a problem that clearly wasn't going to solve itself, so Col. Ray Torres, 15th Airlift Wing commander, has set in motion the program aimed at curbing the root causes of the disturbances - while still remaining sensitive to the responsible, of-age Team Hickam members who call the base dorms their home.

"Never has the safety and security of our Airmen been more critical than today," Colonel Torres said. "We ask them to work smarter, longer and harder and in return we owe them the safety and security, in their homes, our dormitories, to relax and regenerate.

"But dormitory incidents of assault, damage to government property, and underage drinking will not be tolerated on our base, nor in our dormitories," he said. "There is a clear link between these incidents and use of alcohol."

This policy is not expected to be enforced by base security force personnel alone, he said.

"Our new policy for the consumption of alcohol in our dormitories puts the responsibility of maintaining a safe and secure environment for our airmen with their Senior NCO leadership, right where it belongs. While our security forces professionals provide law enforcement, the responsibility for our airmen rests with all supervisors to ensure our force is ready while maintaining the good order and discipline needed for the professional Air Force we all serve," Colonel Torres said.

The policy does not totally eliminate the ability to have common-area social functions; it just requires a little forethought and chain-of-command involvement. Groups seeking to have gatherings in the day-rooms or adjoining areas such as the volleyball pits or outside picnic areas must coordinate their request through unit first sergeants to get to the 15th AW

command chief for approval at least a week prior to the event.

Among other requirements, a singular point of contact will be identified to enforce alcohol consumption standards, according to Chief Jim LeVack, 15th AW command chief.

"The senior ranking member at the gathering, identified in the requesting letter, will be responsible for ensuring alcohol is consumed only by those of legal drinking age," Chief LeVack said.

It's a policy that makes sense for dorm personnel safety, and could have been worse, according to Chief Master Sgt. Scott Piper, 15th Security Forces Squadron superintendent.

"This policy helps remove the temptation for those underage by eliminating common area

alcohol use, with the exception of authorized functions that are expected to be attended by supervisors and unit leadership," Chief Piper said. "It would have been much easier to implement a dry dorm policy, like the program enacted at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, two years ago. Our dormitory residents need to realize this and police themselves accordingly."

## Airman falls from third floor balcony

An airman fell from the third-floor balcony railing of King Hall in the early morning hours Sunday.

He landed in the bushes below, breaking his fall and avoiding more serious injuries. He was hospitalized four days.

Security forces personnel believe alcohol was a contribut-



Never more blue:

## The day underage drinking got intensely personal

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey  
Kukini Editor

**Editor's note:** *Team Hickam avoided an underage drinking fatality last weekend. The following is an account from the aftermath of an airman who wasn't so fortunate.*

I started out as a personnel guy at Whiteman Air Force Base in Knob Noster, Missouri (pronounced Misery to those not from America's heartland.)

Winters are especially cruel, with snow storms that often shut down the base for days at a time.

So, when spring rolls around cabin fever quickly gives way to outdoor activities. Every Friday groups would gather at dormitory common areas for laughs, barbeque and beer.

On one such Friday, I met a new kid from the security police squadron, and before I left the party – shortly after it started – I knew only three things about him:

He drove a 1969 Plymouth 'Cuda convertible that was redder than Joseph Stalin and thundered out a

decibel level somewhere between a pack of Harleys and the working end of an F-16 engine roar.

When he was getting his beer on, he only needed one match all night because he lit his next butt from one still going.

And he was from St. Josephs, 96 miles from base, which was 52 miles farther than he got that night before wrapping the car around a reinforced telephone pole. Blurred by a few more road beers, he never saw the sharp turn in the road. And he never saw 20 years old.

I was the first dorm dweller to hear about it, mostly because I was awakened by my superintendent, a chief master sergeant whose shoes were browner than the Mississippi mud of his home state, pounding on my door at 6 a.m. A half hour later I was standing in front of his desk, visibly shaken after being stirred from slumber.

He told me about the airman's death, and that I was going to be part of the notification team going to his parents' place. Even as the objection spilled out of my mouth, I could tell

the conversation had long since ended.

Less than three hours later, I learned a lot more about the troop.

He played little league. I saw the pictures; a shot of him at birth, his first day of school, the baseball and obligatory basic training graduation shot, all lined up across a shelf. It reminded me of the 'evolution of man' series, getting progressively less hairy and better postured. Only, there weren't going to be evolving pics of his first stripe sewn on, or wedding day pic, followed by the birth of his kids.

I quickly learned he had two younger brothers, one little enough to like all the uniformed visitors, even if he didn't understand why they were making his mom sob uncontrollably. But the other brother, he knew.

He had a dad, an Army retiree, who steered his son away from his personal legacy to forge his own in the blue. I can recall in a heartbeat the look of white-hot hatred as he glared at the notification officer, his steel-blue eyes screaming 'how could you have let this happen to my son.'

It was 10 a.m. on a beautiful spring

Missouri day, and I sat and watched a whole family die, all from one pending funeral.

Military obligations to the next of kin aren't handled like they are in movies, swift and sweeping, all done in one fell swoop. It takes several trips to settle matters, and as days turned to weeks, I formed as close a bond as one can to a family who will never again see their oldest son in the same uniform I donned every time I visited with them.

Our last trip out, the father pulled me aside. He asked if I had known his son, and I admitted I hadn't. He told me I would have liked him, because frankly, everyone liked him.

"It's a hell of a thing, a father having to bury his son," were his parting words.

But for a miracle, another father might have had that experience after this weekend's dorm incident.

If you're underage, don't drink. If you are going to drink, designate a driver. It's the best way to ensure you'll be the only one to arrive at your parents' house in uniform.

## Action Lines



Col. Ray Torres  
15th Airlift Wing commander

The purpose of the Action Line is in its name – it's your direct link to me so we can work as a team to make Hickam a better community. It also allows you to recognize individuals who go "above and beyond"

in their duties – and we all know there are plenty of those folks here. All members of Team Hickam are welcome to use the Action Line, however, I urge you to give the normal chain of command the first crack at resolving problems or issues. It's only fair to give our commanders and managers the first opportunity to work issues under their responsibility. If you have done this and are still not satisfied, give my commander's Action Line a call. If you want me to get back to you, leave your name and number, state your issue, tell me who you have talked to and why you were not satisfied with their response. I'll work your issue and respond verbally or in writing. The Action Line number is 449-2996. Messages may also be sent by e-mail to [15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil](mailto:15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil).

### Pharmacy privacy suggestion

**Comment:** I was wondering if a privacy screen could be installed at the pharmacy at the Hickam clinic where people pick up their medications. When people go up to the window and are being counseled on the medications they are taking, people in the

waiting area can be hear. I had to pick up medications one day and was embarrassed all those around me knew what medication I was taking as it pointed directly to what my ailment was. In light of the new medical privacy laws, this seems like a necessary step to me.

**Response:** The 15th Medical Group staff continuously strives to safeguard a patient's privacy and safety. You have helped identify an area in which improvement can be made – thank you. While privacy screens would provide a barrier between the customer and others who are waiting for their prescriptions, it would obstruct a primary egress route. However, other interventions have already been implemented to ensure a patient's privacy. Anyone visiting the clinic will notice a sign has been posted at the pharmacy pick-up window asking beneficiaries to remain in the lobby area until the pick-up window is clear. Additionally, pharmacy staff will ensure a line does not form directly behind the person picking up medications. I believe these initial actions will be effective in addressing your privacy concerns and all beneficiaries will benefit from your suggestion.

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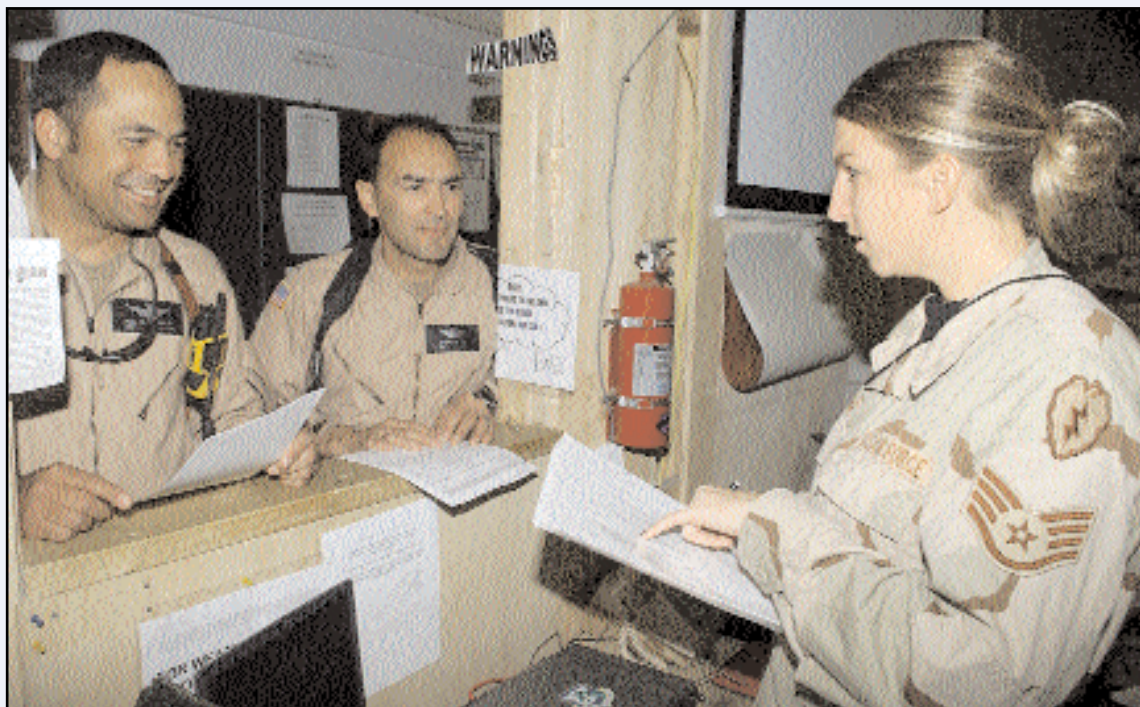
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449-0175

Law Enforcement Desk  
449-6373

Base Chaplain  
449-1754





## Talking 'bout the weather

BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan – From right Staff Sgt. Alison Long briefs Army Chief Warrant Officer Neil Hermoso, a CH-47 Chinook pilot, and Chief Warrant Officer Fabian Salazar, an AH-64 Apache pilot, on weather conditions before a mission. Sergeant Long is a weather forecaster deployed from the 25th Air Support Operations Squadron.

Photo by Master Sgt. Andrew Gates

# Government vehicles are for official use only

Statutory law (40 U.S.C. Section 491) prescribes that the Department of Defense establish an effective means of limiting the use of government motor vehicle to official governmental purposes. One simple rule applies with respect to official use of government vehicles:

Restrict the use of all DoD motor vehicles, including those rented or leased, to official purposes only. That is, uses that would further the mission of the Air Force. Providing a government vehicle solely or even principally to enhance the comfort or

convenience of the member(s) is not permitted.

When questions arise about official use of a GMV, they should be resolved in favor of strict compliance with statutory provisions and Air Force policies. When guidance does not specifically fit a request for transportation support, use the following factors when making official use determinations:

- Is the purpose of the trip official?
- Does the request have the potential to create a perception that will reflect unfavorably on the

Air Force or cause public criticism?

- Will the request impact on mission requirements?
- Is commercial or DoD scheduled transportation available?

People with more questions about official use of GMV can call Roger Storman, 15th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle management branch at 448-0508, or e-mail Roger.Storman@hickam.af.mil. (Information courtesy of 15th Logistics Readiness Squadron)

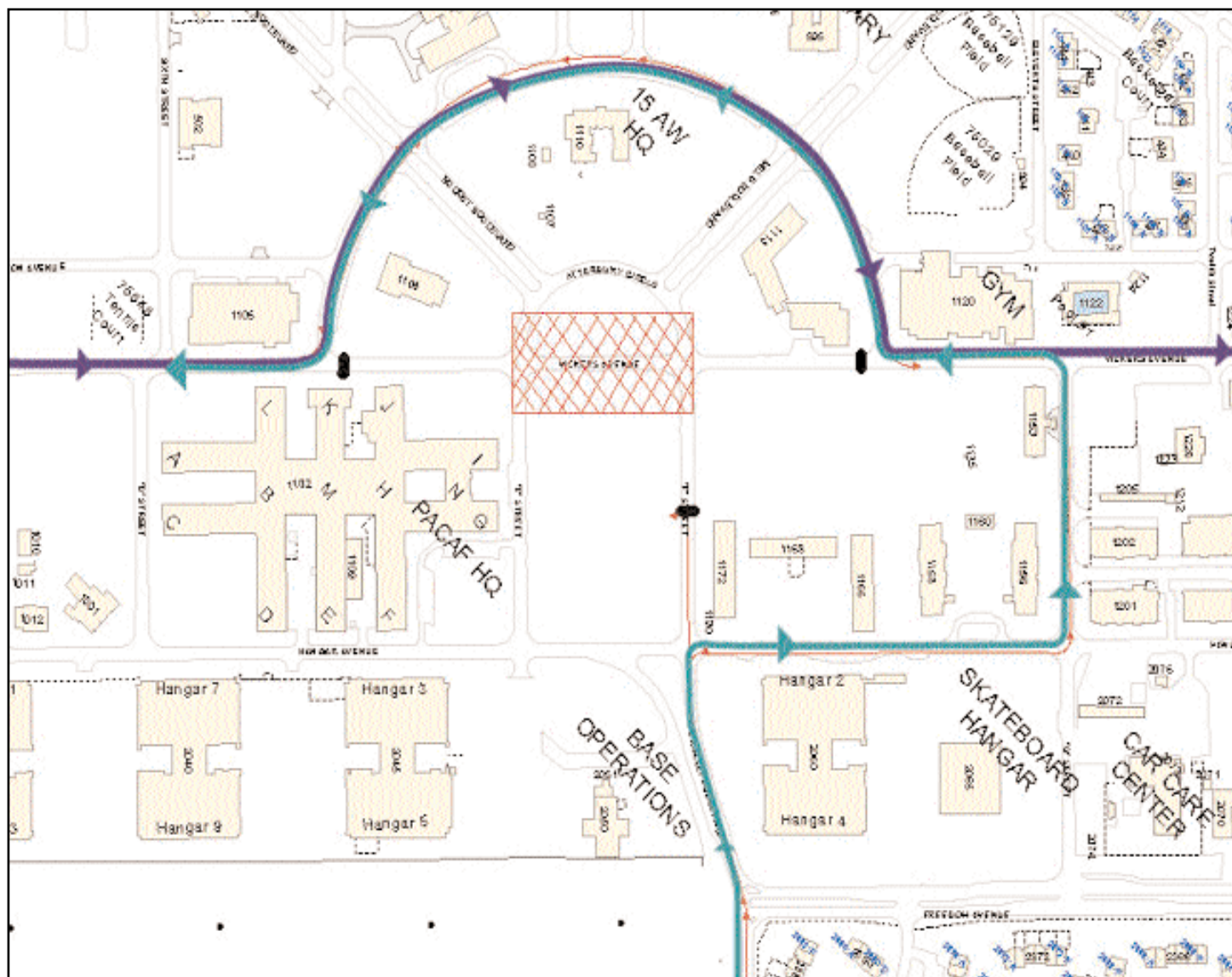
## PACAF parking, Atterbury Circle detours

The Pacific Air Forces building north parking lot is scheduled to open Monday.

Concurrently, the contractor will close Atterbury Circle and connecting streets to through traffic.

Local traffic access into the wing headquarters building parking lot will be from Mills Boulevard only. North-South traffic on Vickers Avenue will be detoured around Scott Circle. Westbound traffic from O'Malley Boulevard will be detoured onto Hangar Avenue and G Street.

Traffic detours are expected to remain until December. Drivers are advised to use caution while driving along these roads. For more information, contact Alan Katase at 448-0564. (Information courtesy of 15th Civil Engineer Squadron and Multimedia Center)





# Hickam housing heightens resident's awareness



**Tech Sgt. Ed Marsch, housing inspection noncommissioned officer in charge, inspects a yard with dying grass from lack of watering. With the summer heat and not watering, grass doesn't take long to die on Hickam.**

**Story and photo by  
Tech. Sgt. Andrew Leonhard**  
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Hickam housing inspectors have a growing concern over a not too proud trend going on in military housing areas. More "ugly" spots are popping up in housing according to the housing office here.

"Our biggest concern from the inspection side of the housing office is the amount of trash cans and recycle bins being left out for up to a week past trash pick-up," said Tech. Sgt. Edward Marsch, Housing Inspection, noncommissioned officer in charge.

According to Hickam housing regulations, trash and recycle bins should be returned to their storage areas the day of trash pick-up.

Another hot spot for the housing people is the lack of watering yards and common areas.

"People are not watering their grass and common areas," said Sergeant Marsch. "The misconception of not watering the grass you don't have to cut is just wrong. Brown grass looks worse than letting it grow and not cutting it for a couple of weeks."

According to the sergeant, with the summer heat and not watering, grass doesn't take long to turn brown and die.

The inspection staff does understand people take summer vacations, but they ask residents to make plans to keep their yards and surrounding common areas within regulations.

"We know people will be on vacation or in some cases deployed, however if you are gone for an extended period of time you need to make arrangements with friends, co-workers or neighbors to maintain your

yards," Sergeant Marsch said.

Housing officials have stepped up their compliance checks and want to make sure residents know the repercussions.

The inspectors will now take away the resident's trash and recycle bins and secure them at building 1714, where the resident is responsible to come to the warehouse and sign for them between 1 to 1:30 p.m. Monday to Friday with a second offense the resident will be issued a ticket.

They are also ticketing residents who don't water their grass. All of these can quickly add up the three tickets that are allotted per a one year period.

"After the third ticket you can be removed from housing by the 15th Mission Support Group commander," said Sergeant Marsch.

"All that we ask is for people to take pride in their housing areas - water, trim, edge and keep the grass under 2 1/2 inches," said Bill Morris, housing flight chief. Mr. Morris also asked for people to place trash cans and recycle bins back in the proper storage area and not on the street curb.

Sergeant Marsch said residents who notice neighbors not doing their part in keeping the neighborhood looking good should give them a friendly reminder of the inspection regulations. If that does not work, then call yard inspection monitors at 448-3601 or 449-2054.

"Since the yard inspection program has been reintroduced we've seen a great deal of improvement in the pride that people are taking in their areas," said Mr. Morris.

"We would like to pass on our thanks to all the residents for taking the time and pride in helping Hickam look its best."

# PMEL receives AFMETCAL certification

Team Hickam congratulates the Hickam Yulista Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory on their recent Air Force Metrology and Calibration Program certification.

The Hickam Air Force Base calibration laboratory is responsible for maintaining the highest echelon measurement standards on base. "If you wanted to weigh the amount of ink in your signature down to the dot above the 'i', PMEL has the measurement capability," said Ronald Cressman, Manager of the Yulista Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory. The PMEL maintains the base reference standards for voltage, resistance, fre-

quency, pressure, vacuum, mass, length, torque and many other primary measurement values.

The PMEL calibration of Air Force test equipment allows the Air Force's vast inventory of aircraft, weapons and mission systems to fly and fight as one interoperable team.

The Hickam PMEL currently supports 6,200 test instruments for components of the Air Force, Guard, Reserve, Navy and Department of Defense throughout the Pacific and Yulista Management Services operates four PACAF PMELS supporting approximately 30,000 instruments.

To ensure the worldwide net-

work of Air Force PMELs continues to provide accurate measurements that are traceable to the National Institute of Standards and Technology, a team of highly qualified measurement technicians from the AFMETCAL travel to each laboratory for a comprehensive evaluation of measurement capability and competence.

The intent is for measurement science experts to observe measurement technicians in action.

At the conclusion of the six-day inspection, the evaluation team requested six months of calibration data to confirm 100 percent compliance with program requirements.

The Hickam PMEL was able to satisfy all requirements in less than four months. As a result, the Director of Air Force Metrology issued a "Certificate of Compliance" to the base commander to congratulate the entire Yulista PMEL team for a job well done.

"I give the credit to the hard work and dedication of the laboratory team for outstanding performance during their recent Air Force Metrology and Calibration Program certification," said Mr. Cressman.

*(Information courtesy of Hickam Yulista Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory)*

## Hickam members learn lesson about UCMJ

By Staff Sgt. Graig Lemon

15th Airlift Wing Military Justice Paralegal

While punishments imposed for similar offenses may appear to vary from case-to-case, each case is decided based on a number of factors, such as an offender's age, prior work and disciplinary record, financial condition, suitability for continued service and the level of severity of the particular offense committed. To ensure fair administration of justice throughout the Hickam community, the legal office reviews all cases.

An Airman first class was charged with drunken driving, a violation of Article 111, Uniform Code of Military Justice, at the Kaneohe Marine Corps Base's Main Gate. Punishment consisted

of reduction to the grade of Airman and 15 days extra duty.

A senior Airman was charged with drunken driving, a violation of Article 111 of the UCMJ, at the Hickam Main Gate while under a revocation of driving privileges, which was in violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ. Punishment consisted of reduction to the grade of Airman first class, 10 days extra duty and 30 days restriction to Hickam.

A staff sergeant was charged with failing to pay debt, specifically, 90 days late on Government Travel Card Bill in violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ. Punishment consisted of a suspended reduction to the grade of senior Airman, 10 days extra duty and a reprimand.

An Airman first class was charged with failure to obey a lawful order, a violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ, and failure to go at the time prescribed to her appointed place of duty, a violation of Article 86 of the UCMJ. Punishment consisted of reduction to the grade of Airman with a suspended reduction to Airman basic, forfeiture of \$200 per month for two months, 30 days extra duty and 30 days restriction to Hickam.

An Airman was charged with dereliction of duty, a violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ, and failure to obey a lawful order. Member had alcohol in dormitory room and had spouse living with him in dorms. Punishment consisted of a suspended reduction to Airman basic, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand.

# Play to win

*PACAF challenge - get 'in the game'*

By Rita Blalack  
Pacific Air Forces Services

Pacific Air Forces Services invites everyone to "Play to Win" in the second annual command-wide promotion, PACAF Pentathlon.

The 90-days of fun started Sunday, providing participants the opportunity to get their hands on over \$30,000 in prizes. Rewards include a Hawaiian vacation, cruise for two onboard NCL America's "Pride of Aloha", cash, notebook computer, mini-DVD player and more. All totaled, there will be 16 big ticket prizes plus instant wins and monthly drawings.

Interested participants can experience how the game is played firsthand by registering the free introductory game piece #2004-9999-999 in the

Internet based virtual board game at [www.pacfive.com](http://www.pacfive.com).

When a game piece is registered, a player will advance through a series of "virtual" activities in the Pentathlon depicting sporting events popular in the five major geographic regions of the command.

There are dozens of opportunities to earn game pieces on each base from signing up for a class, taking a tour with Information Tickets and Tours, checking out a library book, attending a club membership event, special youth and teen programs and even using a vet clinic service.

An entire list of activities awarding game pieces can be found on the Web site's Master Events list.

"The Pentathlon offers some great incentives while promoting quality services and programs at our PACAF bases," said Col Fred Ryder, PACAF Services director. "A program like this is a great introduction to Services programs for people who are arriving in PACAF and it's also a way to reward those who participate in Services programs on a regular basis."

"There's something for everyone in this program, from our youth to retirees and we hope everyone will 'Play to Win,'" Colonel Ryder added.



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15th MS Fitness & Sports



# No more taking a CHOT in the dark

## *PACAF CSS stands up navigation maintenance training*

By Tech. Sgt. Alan Williams  
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

One of the many challenges faced in today's Air Force is how to conduct training while minimizing mission impact. Pacific Air Forces Computer Systems Squadron faced that challenged head-on; through benchmarking and a multi-command sourcing approach, they implemented a true fix.

The fix was developing a Meteorological Navigation Consolidated Hands-On Training facility, or METNAV CHOT as it's known to the PACAF CSS Special Maintenance Team.

The METNAV CHOT supports both the Instrument Landing System and Tactical Air Navigation systems, providing precision guidance to aircraft in any weather condition.

"Several years ago Air Force Materiel command started the first METNAV CHOT at Eglin [Air Force Base, Fla.]," said Master Sgt. Chris Czarnosz, PACAF CSS Mission Flight chief.

However, the high-demand and low-density of METNAV equipment posed a formidable challenge. The equipment has to be maintained at a 97 percent in-service rate.

Removing ground-based navigation equipment from service requires both air operations and air traffic control to decide between a recognized need for training and the ability to support flight operations, according to Sergeant Czarnosz.

"As long as you can maintain the system reliably above 97 percent you are generally saying, not only is the equipment working, you are able to maintain

it and the supply systems are working as well," Sergeant Czarnosz said. But the equipment needs to be online and operational on a nearly constant basis.

Under the leadership of former flight chief Senior Master Sgt Joe Mason, several flight came up with the idea to get equipment to support the CHOT by acquiring excess equipment from field units across the Air Force, valued in excess of \$500,000.

"They went out and scrounged up all the equipment, got it installed, advocated for funds to do the modifications that would allow us to run it in a mock-up scenario as well as ensuring the funds were available for students (to travel)," Sergeant Czarnosz said.

The SMT also recognized the need for a dedicated classroom.

Through a self-help project, they put together a classroom with an interactive whiteboard and touch-screen technology. The combination of the classroom and the mock-up equipment has enabled the CHOT to conduct standardized non-intrusive training in a controlled environment for every METNAV technicians in PACAF to improve maintenance skills throughout the theater.

Another advantage of the CHOT affords SMT the ability to reproduce current real-world outages experienced by PACAF field units.

This capability facilitates long distance troubleshooting and faster repairs, virtually eliminating the need for some TDYs and prolonged outages.



Courtesy photo

**Airman 1st Class Isaac Rodriguez, 374th Communications Squadron, Yokota Air Base Japan, checks the Modulation Balance during a transmitter alignment.**

Looking into the future, Master Sgt. Terry Rishty, former METNAV SMT superintendent said, "The opportunities for success are endless when it comes to utilizing the CHOT."

Now the PACAF CSS vision for a METNAV training facility is a reality, thanks to the dedicated technicians, instructors and team members.

Their commitment to supporting the mission through realistic hands-on training will ensure the quality of METNAV maintenance reaches new heights.



## News Notes

**New voting hotline** – The installation voting office has a new dedicated voting hotline: 449-CARE (2273). Contact this office or the Unit Voting Assistance Counselor for the Federal Postcard Application (Registration/Absentee Ballot Request). All Federal Postcard Applications must be mailed by Sept. 15 to receive absentee ballot materials in time for the general election. For more information contact the voting office at 449-CARE.

**Senior NCO Professional Development Seminar** – The Hawaii Top 3

Association is sponsoring the 2004 Senior NCO Professional Development Seminar and Induction Ceremony. The seminar is a 4-day Professional Development course from Aug. 16 to 20 and is in the Hawaii Air National Guard cafeteria, building 3417. The seminar will focus on many critical topics to include but not limited to: manpower management, SNCO promotion board process, personnel issues, enlisted professional development, and Air Expeditionary Force. Although the seminar is primarily intended for those recently selected for Master Sergeant via Weighted Airmen Promotion System and STEP, the seminar is opened to all senior NCOs who have not attended a SNCO Professional Development Seminar. Anyone interested in participating or to receive an invite letter to the seminar should contact Senior Master Sgt. Helen Noel at 449-0304. For additional information on the seminar and induction ceremony call Master Sgt. Art Simon at 449-3502.

**Dorm Managers Wanted** – Anyone interested in becoming a dorm manager should submit a resume, five years of EPR's and three letters of recommendation to Liz Perry,

Unaccompanied Manager, at building 1805 room 151. All applicants must be a staff sgt. or above. For questions, call Master Sgt. Wayne Wu at 448-0373 or cell 306-2936.

**Fall CDC registration** – Fall registration for the Harbor Child Development Center Preschool is scheduled for Aug. 16 to 18 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Applicants should bring a current leave and earnings statement and shot record. For more information call 449-9234.

**15th SFS Control Center** – The 15th Security Forces Control Center has relocated to building 2155 room 20. 15th SFS phone numbers 449-6373 and 449-6372 are still the proper numbers to call for assistance. The public is still to report building 1001 to file a report. For any questions regarding this matter contact Staff Sgt. Harlan Dredge at 449-2200.

**HOSC** – The Hickam Officers' Spouses' Club is scheduled to hold their Special Activities Social on the O'Club Lanai Aug. 24 at 6:30 p.m. There is no cost and reservations are not required for this function. All HOSC special activities will be repre-

sented. In addition, many local and base organizations will have information tables. Take the opportunity to sign up for permanent reservations, update membership information and find out about activities to get involved in. Catch up with old friends and meet some new ones. For more information contact Reservations Chairs Jolande Murray at 423-7097 or Jeanette Ramirez at 422-7444.

**Staff Sergeant Selection Celebration** – The Chief Master Sergeants of Hawaii cordially invite all to join in congratulating Team Hickam's newest Staff Sergeant selects. The celebration will be held at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. Musical entertainment for the event is the Air Force Band of the Pacific. There will be free pupus and beverages. For more information, contact Chief Master Sgt. Warner at 449-4546.

**MIA/POW repatriation** – A MIA/POW Repatriation ceremony is scheduled for Aug. 13 at 9 a.m. on the flightline side of Base Ops, building 2050. A practice ceremony will be held same location Thursday at 1 p.m. For more information, contact 1st Lt. Kim Drews at 449-0011.



# Around the Air Force



## Emergency bailout training

HOUSTON -- Astronaut and pilot Col. Pam Melroy is assisted by three scuba-equipped divers in the deep pool at the Neutral Buoyancy Laboratory at the Sonny Carter Training Facility near the Johnson Space Center. She and the rest of the STS-92 crew were participating in an emergency bailout training exercise preparing for next year's scheduled visit to the International Space Station.

Photo courtesy of NASA



**Promotion study list now available** – RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) – Promotion-eligible enlisted Airmen can now find which materials to study for the 2005 testing cycles.

The most current Weighted Airman Promotion System catalog, which lists the materials used by test writers to develop the 2005 promotion tests, is now available on the Air Force Personnel Center Web site at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/testing>. The catalog lists study references for those testing for staff through chief master sergeant.

Career development course study material, when required, is automatically shipped to promotion-eligible Airmen by the Air Force Institute for Advanced Distributed Learning staff. Enlisted Airmen should check the catalog every year to ensure they have the current references. The catalog often includes non-CDC publications, said officials.

The institute staff will begin shipping the course study material in September for people testing for staff, technical and master sergeant. If career development study material is not received by November, Airmen should contact their unit promotion testing monitor to initiate follow-up actions, said officials.

Test administration dates for the 2005 chief master sergeant cycle are Sept. 7 to 10. The dates for senior master sergeant testing are Dec. 6 to 17, while testing for technical sergeant and master sergeant takes place Feb. 15 to March 31. Senior

airmen will test for staff sergeant May 1 to 31. (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

**Contact Center keeping customers No. 1** – RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) – A customer satisfaction survey shows a favorable response to the Air Force Contact Center here.

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week (except for Independence Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day), the contact center staff answers questions from hundreds of people a day from around the world.

"This is the best program for answering questions. I always find out exactly what I need, and the 24-hour access is great since I'm stationed in Japan," said one satisfied customer.

The staff responds to customers via the telephone, e-mail or interactive Web-based chat sessions to meet the varied communications requirements.

Air Force Personnel Center officials see the positive customer feedback as a good indicator that using a Web-based, self-service format for personnel questions should continue to benefit customers.

"The Air Force prides itself on taking care of its own, and the Contact Center is proof of that," said Lt. Col. Jacqueline Harry, contact center branch chief. "We work hard to ensure we have the right people with the proper skills and tools necessary to take care of our customers, whether they are home-based or deployed personnel, retirees or otherwise."

Currently, the contact center handles about 2,500 inquiries a week. With a staff of 12 people working during peak hours and four people for nonpeak hours, quantity has not diminished quality, said officials. Although the center has seen significant growth in customer requests, particularly after adding support for Virtual MPF applications, it continues to maintain an average 95-percent closure, or satisfactory response, within 24 hours of the initial contact.

The center meets this customer-service response through the expertise of its agents, most of whom have more than 20 years of personnel experience.

As technology and change continue to reshape the Air Force, the contact center will continue to play a significant role in the distribution of personnel-related information, said officials.

"Our challenge is to maintain excellent service even as the contact center expands to take on more responsibilities currently provided by local MPFs," said Ms. Holland.

For more information on the contact center or to submit a question, click on the Air Force Contact Center link on the AFPC Web site at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil). To talk with a customer service agent, call DSN 665-5000, (210) 565-5000 or toll-free at (800) 616-3775.

**Army, Air Force sharing battle information** – NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev. (AFPN) – Parked under camouflaged netting in the heat of the Nevada sun is an extended cab Humvee equipped with all the modern comforts of home: vinyl seats, air conditioning, tinted windows and four 23-inch plasma displays.

It is not the Army's version of a stretch limousine, but an element of the Army's Future Combat Systems program that is taking part in the Joint Expeditionary Force Experiment 2004 here. The Air Force-sponsored experiment assesses new and emerging technologies.

The FCS also serves as the basis for combining multiple platforms and systems to create a force multiplier for the Army's future unit of action.

Part of that system includes the Warrior Machine Interface, an intuitive, graphic-user interface to the FCS Battle Command System, acting as an electronic liaison between the Soldier on the battlefield and the Air Force's Air Support Operations Center.

Because of the unprecedented battlespace awareness supported by the WMI, friendly fire incidents will be significantly reduced.

Aside from battle space awareness and fratricide prevention, another major benefit of the system is its remote operability.

When fielded, the system and WMI will provide the Army's future force with unprecedented network-centric capability and joint operability.

"What we're here for in JEFX is to start integrating with the Air Force at the infancy of FCS," said Mr. Steinhebel. "We're trying to make joint interoperability a cornerstone of the system so literally every person on the battlefield can talk to each other and know where everyone is positioned -- total situational awareness."



# Bowling for hollers

*Crashing pins, raucous kids result in noisy deployed spouses event*



**By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey**  
Kukini Editor

More than 80 family members of Team Hickam deployed and remote tour personnel were treated to a night out July 28 at the base bowling center when the Family Support Center hosted their monthly gathering.

Those who remain behind are not the only ones who benefit from the gatherings, according to Tech. Sgt. Wilhelmina Cromartie, FSC coordinator.

"This program has been beneficial to deployed and remote families and equally rewarding for the volunteers that offer their support," Sergeant Cromartie said. "Our monthly events are opportunities for families to build a support networks. Each event is unique in itself and our numbers increase monthly."

The next FSC deployed/remote family event is Operation Hele On, a deployment day camp for 9 - 13 year olds Aug. 20. On Sep. 29, the FSC will sponsor a dinner at the Hale Aina dining facility beginning at 5 p.m. For more information, contact the FSC at 449-0300.

Photos by Mysti Bicoy



Above: From right, Hannah Acuavera, 7, and her brother Matthew, 6, share a laugh with Family Support Center volunteer Zosima Richards. They are the children of Master Sgt. Edward Acuavera, 17th Operation Weather Squadron, who is on a one-year remote tour to Korea.

Above: James McSwain and Briory Harris, 2, son and grandson of deployed Senior Master Sgt. Vernon Boardley, 15th Services Squadron, bowl a frame. Below: Zachary Washburn, 6, son of deployed Tech. Sgt. Jason Washburn, 15th Civil Engineer Squadron searches for the perfect ball.







*Congratulations  
to Team  
Hickam's  
second quarter*



**SrA Scott M. Stafford**  
25 Air Support Operations Squadron

*Airman of the Quarter*



**SSgt Lance R. Mitchel**  
25 Air Support Operations Squadron

*NCO of the Quarter*



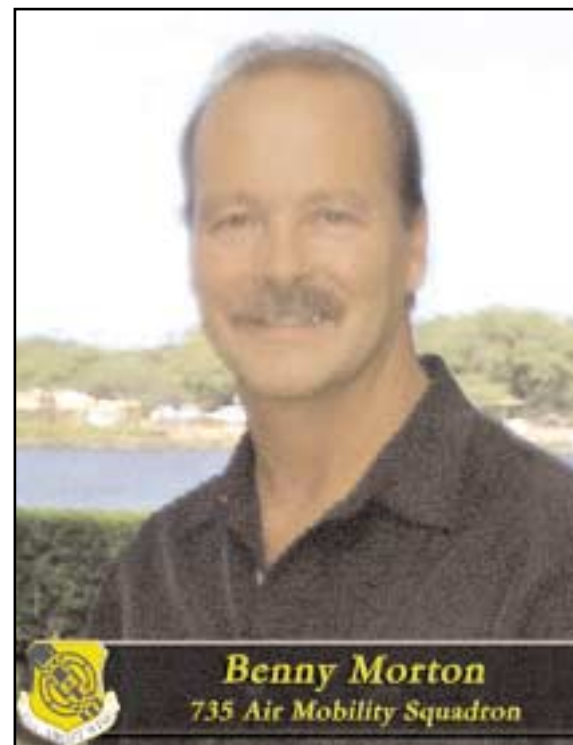
**MSgt Robert G. Bolton**  
735 Air Mobility Squadron

*SNCO of the Quarter*



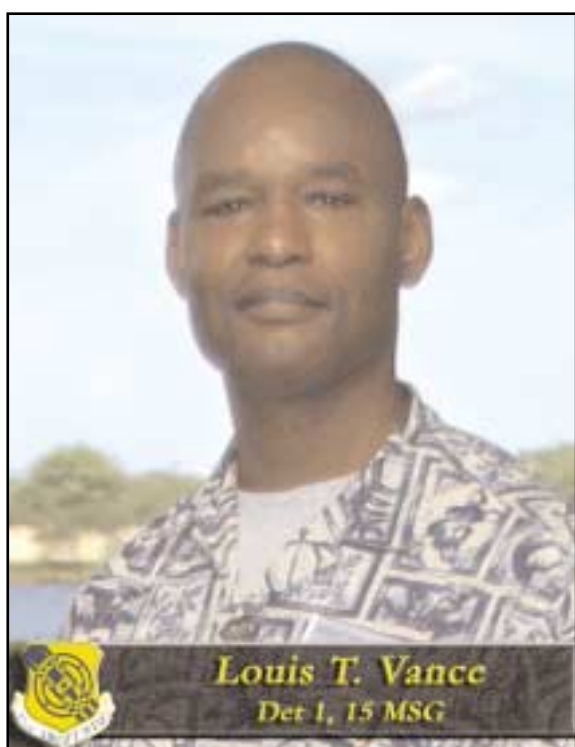
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735 Air Mobility Squadron

*CGO of the Quarter*

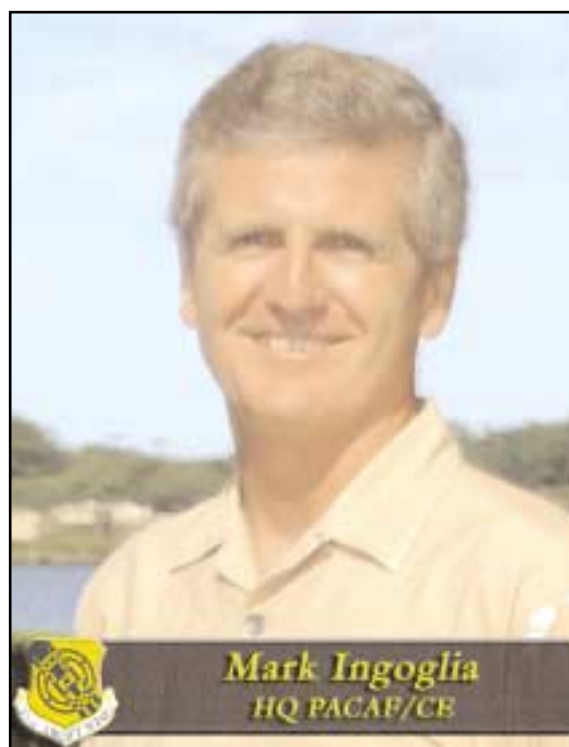


**Benny Morton**  
735 Air Mobility Squadron

*Civ I of the Quarter*



**Louis T. Vance**  
Det 1, 15 MSG



**Mark Ingoglia**  
HQ PACAF/CE



**A1C Angela Stantorf**  
324 Intelligence Squadron



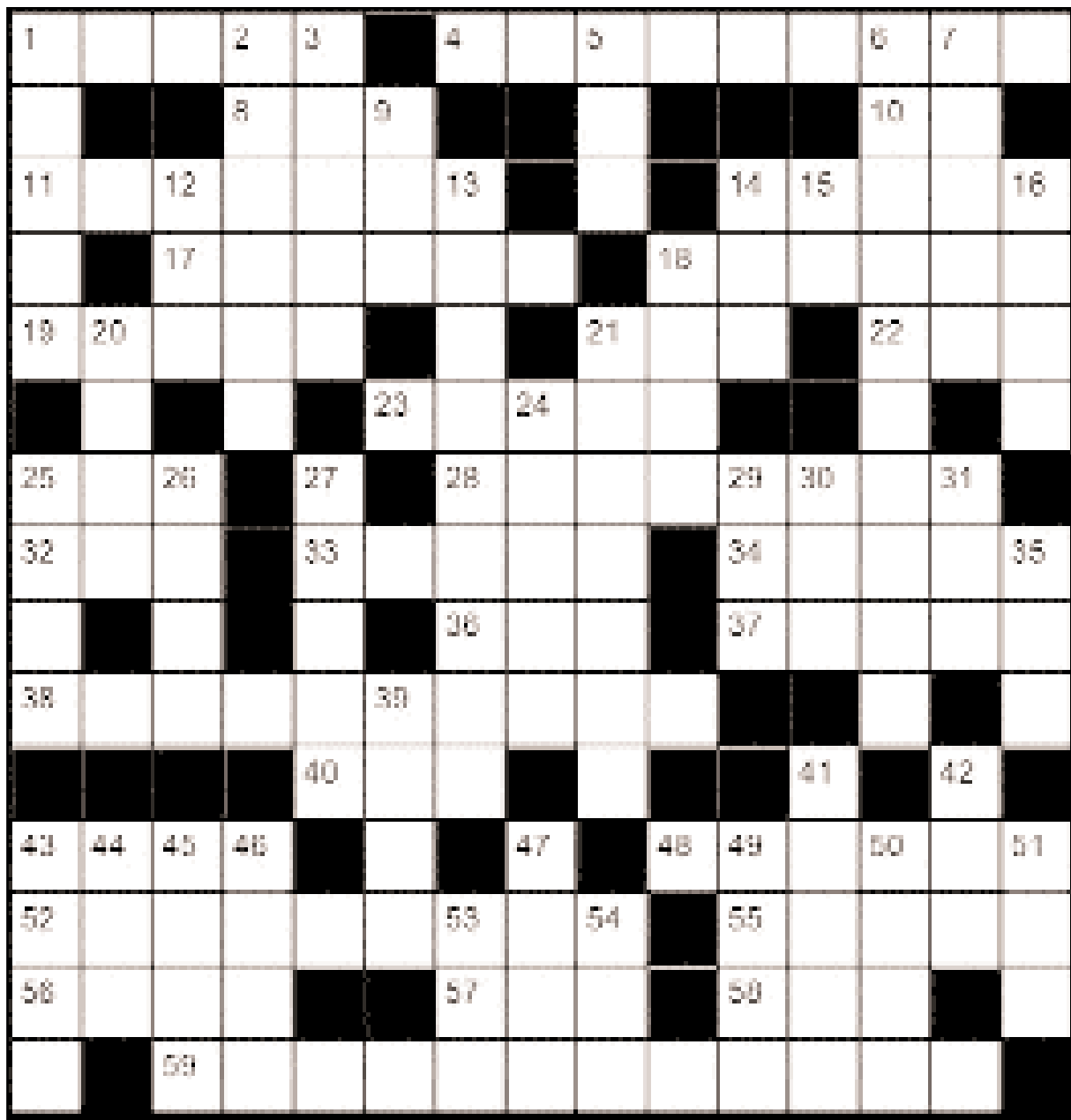
## Scouts send shoes skyward

Members of Hickam Cub Scout Pack 197 send their footwear into the air during an overnight campout July 24 at Bellows Air Station. Two dozen scouts and four scout leaders participated in various team-building activities, including volleyball, softball throw, 30-yard dash, and an evening's campfire. Pack 197, supporting all Hickam families, invites families with boys in first to fifth grades to attend 'Joining Night' on Sept. 11 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Mokulele Elementary School Cafeteria. The purpose of this event is to provide parents with an opportunity to learn about Cub Scouting, its principles, and activities. For more information, contact Bob Hoelscher at 833-7623 or via email at [rhoelscher@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:rhoelscher@hawaii.rr.com).

Courtesy photo



# Crossword puzzle: Badge of Honor



## ACROSS

1. Bite  
6. \_\_\_ Alamos, N.M.  
10. They may be 32E or 3E5X1  
11. Large Central American plant used for rope  
12. Neither's partner  
13. Badge for a 13S or 1C6X1  
16. Southwest grocery store chain

18. Wears a 35P badge  
20. Shifts for 24-hour workers  
21. AF inspection for readiness  
23. Magnitude  
24. Aloha gift  
26. "Nash Bridges" actor Johnson  
27. Short note  
28. Affirmative vote  
29. Trite

32. Slavic person  
34. Foe  
36. Badge for a 35B or 3N1X1  
37. Lubbock, TX, school  
39. Korean War "Alley"; site of famous air battles  
40. Round vegetables  
41. \_\_\_ the season to be jolly...  
44. Unit for 31P and 3P0X1, in short  
47. Genesis  
48. Colo. time zone  
49. LA problem?  
51. Badge for a 21L or 2G0X1  
55. Woodwind instrument  
57. Board  
58. Meadow  
59. X  
60. European standard of measure  
61. One of the plagues of Egypt?

## DOWN

1. 201 to Julius Caesar  
2. Badge for an 84H or 3H0X1  
3. Actress Marie Saint of North by Northwest  
4. Star Trek: Next Generation actor Wheaton  
5. Ancient Peruvian culture  
6. Type of Air Force officer category  
7. Singer Yoko  
8. Badge for a 34M or 3M0X1  
9. Badge for a 21T or 2T1X1  
11. Badge for a 2S0X1  
14. Stain  
15. Badge for a 52R  
17. Car gauge  
19. Badge for a 3E8X1, briefly  
20. Medal above AF Commendation  
22. What Santa's cheeks were?  
25. Shoe size  
30. Badge for a 13B, briefly  
31. School subject  
33. Current POTUS  
35. Badge for a 13S  
38. Cash machine  
40. Group of 11A, 11B, etc.  
42. Religion  
43. Actress Sharon  
45. JP 1-02 acronym for selling to allies  
46. Drunkard  
50. Part of fish lung?  
52. Acquire  
53. Co. head?  
54. Vesicle  
56. Wager

See page 22 for SOLUTIONS

## Team Hickam History *The Air Force's most historic airfield*

### *This week in 15th Airlift Wing and Hickam Air Force Base History:*

**August 1985** - The Air Force Commissary Service Pacific Region Office moved from Norton AFB, California, to Hickam AFB, Hawaii.

**August 6, 1970** - Air Force families began to move into the first units of the new Ohana Nui housing at Hickam.

**August 8-12, 1982** - Special undercover security from the 15th Security Police Squadron was provided to a five-member team from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam housed on base. The five-member team met with personnel from the Army's Joint Casualty

Resolution Center and Central Identification Laboratory to discuss the technical aspects of recovering and identifying bodies of U.S. servicemen who died in Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos.

**August 11, 1961** - Vice President Chen Cheng of Nationalist China arrived at Hickam aboard U.S. presidential aircraft "Columbine" on his way back to Formosa after a visit with President Kennedy. A 19-gun salute and other appropriate honors were observed on base.

For additional information concerning the 15th Airlift Wing and historic Hickam AFB, visit: <http://www2.hickam.af.mil/ho/>

## Reunion Tips

*From your Family Readiness Program Staff*

**Editors Note:**  
*Reunion is a time of adjustment after separation.*

*The following tips will appear in the Kukini and are suggestions to help people prepare for a loved ones homecoming and their greatly anticipated reunion.*

**Don't expect a "Change of Command" at the front door – Curb your desire to take control. Learn how to be a couple again**



Badge of Honor

This week's crossword answers

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Movies

Friday, Saturday and Sunday

**“White Chicks”** – Two FBI agents try to get back into their boss’s good graces by taking on a job guarding the Wilton sisters, two New York City hotel heiresses, from a serial kidnapper. They fail, and the two women are

abducted. The agents then go undercover, dressing up as the titular “white chicks” to solve the crime and rescue the victims.

Starring Shawan Wayans and Marlon Wayans. Rated PG-13 (for crude and sexual humor, language and some drug content)

Chapel

**Editor’s note:** For more information on Base Chapel services or for prayer requests call the Chapel Center at 449-1754 or Nelles Chapel at 449-6562.

**Protestant**

*Nelles Chapel*  
Sunday contemporary service – 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday Gospel Worship – 11:15 a.m.  
*Chapel Center*  
Wednesday Mid-Week service – 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday traditional – 8:30 a.m.

**Jewish**

Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor – 473-0050  
Jewish Lay Leader – Mr. David Bender – 527-5877  
Naval Sation Chapel – 473-3971

**What: “Praise Gathering”** Contemporary Worship  
**Time:** Sunday at 5:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Nelles Chapel  
*Regarding instrumental/vocal interest in the Praise Gathering Worship Team, contact Lt. Col. Michael Rits at 230-1624.*

**Catholic**

*Nelles Chapel*  
Weekday Mass – 11:30 a.m.  
Saturday confessions – 4:15 p.m.  
Saturday Mass – 5 p.m.  
*Chapel Center*  
Sunday Mass – 10 a.m.

**Orthodox**

For more information, call 438-6687.

**Islamic**

Friday congregational service (1935 Aleo Place, Punahou) – 1 p.m.  
Muslim Association of Hawaii, 947-6263.

**Buddhist**

Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin A Shin Buddhist Temple – 536-7044.





Photos by Angela Elbern

Kai Kahele (right), Hawaii Air National Guard A Team, spikes the ball toward David Lopez, HIANG B Team. HIANG A topped the B Team during the championship volleyball match July 29.

# HIANG loses, wins volleyball championship

By Tech. Sgt. Andrew Leonhard  
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Hickam's fitness center was awash in two dominating volleyball teams July 29 pitting co-workers and friends against each other in a struggle to be base champs.

The Hawaii Air National Guard's Team 'A' and 'B' volleyball teams clashed to gain the title of the best intramural volleyball team. The A Team prevailed winning 2 out of 3 games 25-22, 21-25 and 15-13.

After a disappointing loss to the 'A' squad July 28, the 'B' Team was more than ready to try and ascend to the top of the volleyball mountain.

"We played them tough [July 28], so our guys knew we could stay with them," said HIANG B coach Kaipo Sing.

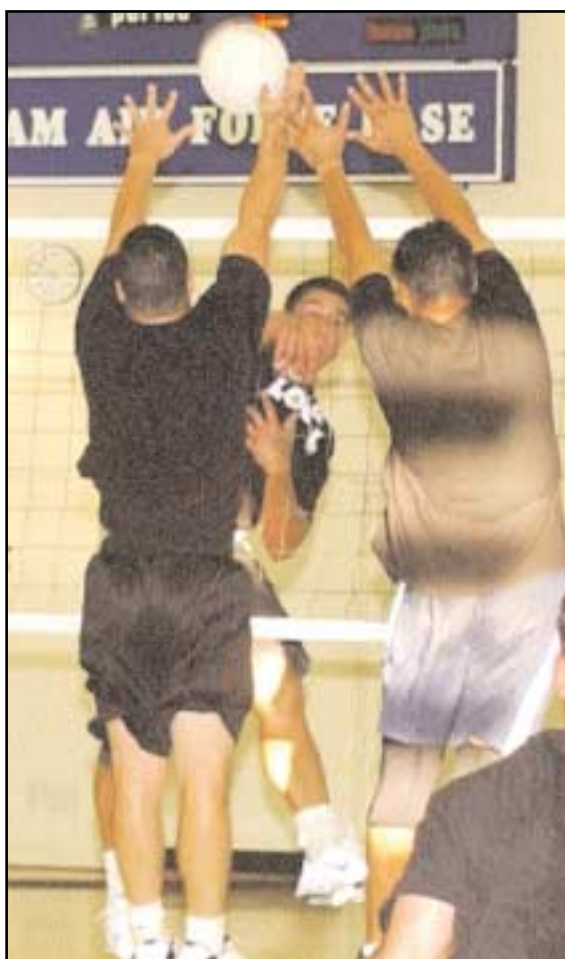
The first game was back-n-forth until Keoki Lorenzo put down a solid spike surging the HIANG A to a 16-12 lead. It was a lead they built on to win the first game 25-22.

The second game began to look like the 'A' Team would out-class the 'B' squad and run off with the championship, jumping on top with a quick 6-3 lead. But with a timely and dynamic mix of blocks and spikes, the 'B' Team went on a 8 to 3 run and grabbed the lead at 11-9.

Unfortunately, it was short lived again as Lorenzo and company served a few aces and took the lead back at 20-16.

With it looking bleak for the underdogs, they rallied on the arm of Tommy Chock who helped score 5 unanswered points to give the 'B' squad a lead they would not let go of, claiming the second game 25-21. This win set the stage for a life-or-death third game to win the base championship.

In rally scoring, the final and deciding game is played to 15. With Col. Ray Torres, 15th Airlift



Kai Kahele (center), HIANG A, tries to spike through HIANG B defenders Marc Gonsalves (left) and Rich Costa during the second set of the championship match July 29.



Keoki Lorenzo (right), HIANG A, smashes a spike through HIANG B defender Marc Gonsalves. HIANG B pushed the A squad to a third set before losing.

Wing commander, watching from the sideline, the teams came back on the court ready to put everything on the line.

Just like in the second game the 'A' squad jump out early 6-2, but this time they did not let go of the lead and climbed ahead by 13 to 7. One last effort by the 'B' squad fell short at 13-11. Each team tagged on a couple more points and Lorenzo again came flashing through with a final spike to drive the nail into the coffin and send the B Team home, losing 15-13.